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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the organisations which were awarded the research contracts during the last three years and the progress made in this regard so far; and

(b) the processes involved in deciding the topics of these research contracts?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a) Ministry of Steel do not award research contract. However, financial assistance is provided from Steel Development Fund (SDF) for undertaking research & development work by steel plants, national research laboratories, academic institutions etc with the approval of an Empowered Committee (EC) operating under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Steel) comprising of representatives from Department of Science & Technology (DST), Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR), National Research Laboratories, major steel producers and other experts in the field. Organization-wise details of the research proposals approved by the EC during last three years are annexed.

(b) Steel plants, national research laboratories, academic institutions etc formulate their own research projects depending upon their need. Received proposals are evaluated by an Evaluation Group (EG) comprising of Industrial Adviser, Ministry of Steel, Representatives of DST and DSIR. Consultations are also held with the experts of the field as and when required by the EG. The recommendations of EG are placed before the EC who once again discuss the proposals threadbare before approving and sanctioning the projects for financial assistance from SDF. The progress of large value (Rs.1.00 crore) projects are reviewed by specially constituted Empowered Board (EB) of experts who also help in deciding the course of action to be followed in a project.

ANNEXURE

Organization-wise details of the research proposals approved by the EC during last three years (2003-04 to 2005-06)

Name of Organization	No. of the proposals approved	No. of the proposals completed	No of the Proposals in progress	No. of the proposal(s) dropped
National Institute of	1	1	-	-
Secondary Steel Technology and All India Induction Furnace Association Tata Metalicks Ltd.	1	-	-	1
RDCIS, SAIL, Ranchi	2	-	2	-
NML, Jamshedpur	2	-	2	-
Jadavpur University	1	-	1	-
Central Glass & Ceramic Research Institute	1	-	1	-

Bappa Ray Production	1	-	-	1
MECON Ltd.	4	-	3	1
Steel Research & Development Mission	1	-	1	-
Kalayani Carpenter Special Steel Ltd.	2	-	2	-
RDCIS, SAIL, and IIT Kanpur	1	-	1	-